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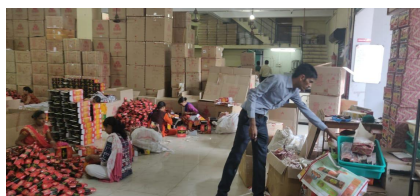
# Agriculture department acts against manufacturers of spurious mosquito repellent incense sticks

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State Government



Ahmedabad: The Department of Agriculture, Gujarat has commenced legal

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Agriculture  
Department along  
with Home Insect  
Control Association  
(HICA) raided plants of  
5 illegal incense sticks  
manufacturers located  
in Ahmedabad, Baroda  
and Rajkot. These  
companies  
manufacture  
unapproved and  
pesticide-laced  
mosquito repellent  
incense sticks like  
Purelax, Killer  
Citronella Agarbatti,  
DC Comfort, Care, Just  
Relax, Ashika's Sleep  
Well, Good Sleep, Big  
Killer, Sleep Well,  
Original Relax, Balaji  
Relax, Godzilla, Param  
Power Agarbatti and  
Param Power

According to HICA  
statement, pesticide  
laced spurious incense  
sticks cause serious  
health hazards. Thus, it



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complaint with the Department of Agriculture, an enforcing authority under Insecticide Act in the State of Gujarat, against mosquito repellent incense sticks manufactured by Naturoma Incense Pvt Ltd and Mahi/Krishna Perfumery Works located in Ahmedabad; DPB Products Pvt Ltd of Baroda and Devine Industries, Param Agarbatti Works based in Rajkot. The department directed its agricultural offices in these three cities to initiate action.

The Agriculture Department has also collected incense sticks samples for testing and will prosecute these manufacturers as per the results of the test.



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getting manufactured and sold with compounds made from various unapproved pesticide formulations which are not tested for toxicity. Thus, it turns out to be filled with harmful chemicals producing strong odour and smoke. Making or selling such incense sticks is a punishable offence. We aim to mark an end to the sale and manufacturing of illegal incense sticks by holding the manufacturers and sellers responsible in the court of law.'

HICA said misleading branded incense sticks are being sold across Gujarat under the names of Relax, Relief, Natural Relax, Killer, Magic 10 and several



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license from the State  
Agricultural  
Department- Gujarat.  
As per The Central  
Insecticide Board,  
Faridabad, this is in  
breach of the  
Insecticides Act  
1968/Rules thereunder.

“Increased usage of  
these illegal pesticide-  
laced mosquito  
repellent incense sticks  
can cause multiple  
health disorders such  
as genetic mutations,  
lung cancer, asthma  
and other respiratory  
diseases, leukaemia,  
heart disease, skin  
irritation, and  
neurological problems.  
There has been a  
considerable increase  
in the number of  
children (in the age  
bracket of 5-12 years)  
suffering from multiple  
respiratory issues. HICA  
is working to safeguard



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